

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 161st meeting of the Executive committee which was held on Thursday 14th November 2002 in the parish room of St Paul's Dover.

Present:-

Mr & Mrs Cope; Mr Gordon; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:- Mrs Gordon; Dr Lane; and Mr Wraight.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 160th meeting of the E/C held on 10th October, which had been circulated were agreed.

Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman:

Mr Sutton reported that he had sent a letter of objection to the Leader of the DDC concerning the proposed cuts at Dover Museum. He had received a thank you letter from the Council and thanks from the staff at the museum. The letter and letters from others seem to have mitigated some of the cuts.

Mr Sutton said that he thought that the public meeting of the Society of October 14 went well. He thanked all who took part and those members involved in the organisation of the meeting.

On behalf of the Society Mr Sutton reported that he had attended the Bronze Age Boat Conference at Dover Museum and some of the talks given by the delegates at Dover Town Hall.

Mr Sutton said that he had received a suggestion from Mr Boxall that a speaker be provided for one of the open members meeting to speak on the subject of Nurse Cavell. After some discussion it was decided that as Nurse Cavell had no connections with the town, the Speaker would come from Stratford upon Avon, the suggestion be declined with thanks.

The Secretary:

Mr Naylor had nothing to report.

The Treasurer:

Capt. Weston gave out the monthly financial report, and reported that there had been little financial activity this month £16 had been collected in subs and £5 for the sale of News Letters The Agincourt trip had made a profit of £48.77 but a loss was expected on the October open meeting.

Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett said that perhaps we should find ways of increasing the publicity for the meetings in October which is the start of the winter season of talks. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr McFarnell would join with Mrs Liggett to see what could be done. Mrs Liggett said that the numbers booked for the Christmas Feast were low and more members would be welcomed.

Mrs Lilley brought up the question of different Speakers for the open meetings, which produced a long discussion, Mr Woolford pointing out that speakers for the 2003/4 meetings have now been booked.

Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope reported that two new members had joined the Society - John and Barbara Allison of Danes Court -which brought the total membership to 410 there had been a number of non payers which accounted for a reduction in membership since the last report.

Projects:

Mr Cope said that the grass in Cowgate had received its Autumn cut and was looking tidy. He also said that the KKC had agreed to inspect the River Dour with a view of commissioning a complete survey in connection with the development of a river side walk.

Planning:

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 65th meeting of planning S/C which took place on Oct.13.02. He said that the S/C/ members had agreed to praise and shame some of the buildings in Dover and that all members of the S/C are to submit their comments to their next meeting. It was agreed that this report would be included in the next report to the E/C. Mr Woolford said that he had been asked if consideration could be given to providing some of the profit from Peveral Books to the Western Heights Society. After considerable discussion it was found that when publishing costs etc were taken into consideration there had been no profit made .

The Editor

Mrs Lilley reported that the News Letter should be ready by 29th Nov. As the editor had indicated that she would like to relinquish her post by Easter an advert for a successor would be inserted in the December issue.

Publications:

Mrs Lilley said that there were a reasonable number of back copies of the News Letter available and proposed that the first three years should be offered for sale at £1 each and subsequent copies for 50P this was agreed.

Budge Adams Papers:

Mr Leach said that the books have been transferred to the library and 10% of the slides have been processed

A.O.B.

Mr Sutton said that he had been invited to the official hand over of the Discovery Centre. Mr McFarnell suggested that the Dover Society should appear in the index of the Town Guide. Agreed.

Mr Cope gave notice that he wished to resign as the Society's Representative on the Board of the Dover Town Centre Management Committee and said that a replacement should be sought. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2127 hrs.